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National GAINS Center for Evidence-Based Programs in the Justice System

## **Announcing the Newly-Funded National GAINS Center for Evidence-Based Programs in the Justice System**

It is with great excitement that we announce the establishment of the National GAINS Center for Evidence-Based Programs (EBP) in the Justice System. Funded in October 2004 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services, the GAINS EBP Center is committed to the goal of transforming the nation's fragmented mental health system and developing a recovery-oriented, consumer-driven system of care as described in the report of the President's New Freedom Commission.

The GAINS EBP Center is uniquely poised to help states and localities forge collaborations among the mental health, substance abuse, and criminal justice systems. To accomplish this, the GAINS EBP Center will develop a comprehensive plan of information dissemination, knowledge application and technical assistance strategies to further the implementation of evidence-based programs in the justice system.

Building on the work of the National GAINS Center for People in Contact with the Justice System, the work of the National GAINS Center for Evidence-Based Programs in the Justice System and the TAPA Center for Jail Diversion are informed by the National GAINS Center, operated since 1995 as a national locus for the collection and dissemination of information about effective mental health and substance abuse services for people with co-occurring disorders in contact with the justice system.

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